


State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HAVE DECLARED NOVEMBER 13-17, 2006 AS INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK IN OBSERVANCE OF THE MANY IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION TO OUR NATION; AND

WHEREAS, INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AND EXCHANGE INCLUDE THOUSANDS OF PROGRAMS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, CAMPUS-BASED AND NATIONAL, THAT PROMOTE THE SHARING OF IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES ACROSS BORDERS. THESE INCLUDE STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS, CITIZEN AND SCHOLARLY EXCHANGES, FOREIGN STUDENTS ON U.S. CAMPUSES, AREA AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE STUDIES, AND GLOBAL APPROACHES TO U.S. EDUCATION; AND

WHEREAS, BY PARTICIPATING IN SUCH PROGRAMS OUR YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP A GREATER APPRECIATION AND RESPECT FOR OTHER PEOPLE AND THEIR CULTURES, AND BREAK DOWN BARRIERS TO UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION, WHICH ARE VITAL TO PEACE AND PROSPERITY; AND

WHEREAS, WE LIVE IN AN INCREASINGLY INTERCONNECTED WORLD AND IMPROVING GLOBAL LITERACY AMONG OUR CITIZENS CONTRIBUTES SIGNIFICANTLY TO OUR NATION'S FOREIGN POLICY, ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS AND NATIONAL SECURITY; AND

WHEREAS, I CALL UPON THE CITIZENS AND INSTITUTIONS OF THIS STATE TO PARTICIPATE IN CELEBRATING THIS WEEK AND TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION IN OUR LIVES AND COMMUNITIES:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOM VILSACK, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 13-17, 2006, AS

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

IN IOWA,



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 23RD DAY OF OCTOBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND SIX.



THOMAS J. VILSACK

ATTEST:



CHESTER J. CULVER
SECRETARY OF STATE